

PATENT
AMENDMENT

Remarks

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 17 and 18 are added by this Preliminary Amendment. Thus, claims 1-18 are pending for consideration.

II. Claim Amendments

Claims 17 and 18 are added herein to provide a better scope of claim protection. Support for new claims may be found at, for example, page 3, lines 22-27 and page 9, lines 3-4 of the specification of this Divisional Application (page 3, lines 15-20 and page 8, lines 30-31 of the specification as originally filed in the parent application). No new matter has been added.

III. Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully request a speedy examination of all the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-18).

Respectfully submitted,

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